Members of C.B.D.T.

2651. SHRI V. RAJESHWAR RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of present members of C.B.D.T.;

(b) whether the career record of all such members is thoroughly clean or whether at any time in their career any of them had to face enquiries, suspension or any punishment;

(c) what is the criterion for appointment of C.B.D.T. members; and

(d) whether there are complaints against the present C.B.D.T.??

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) Apart from Shri N. R. Sivaswamy, Chairman, S/Shri T. S. Srinivasan, N. I. Rangachary, B. K. Sinha, D. B. Lal and C. Khushaldas are the Members of C.B.T.D.

(b) As per the records, no disciplinary proceedings were initiated against any of the present Members of the CBDT in the past. Neither any of the present Members of the CBDT was suspended nor was any punishment awarded to any of them.

(c) The general practice has been to select officers from the Indian Revenue Service (Income Tax) of the level of the Chief Commissioners of Income-tax on the basis of their service records.

(d) No. Sir.

Cases from Andhra Pradesh pending before BIFR

2652. DR. YELAMANCHILLI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number and the details of cases from Andhra Pradesh pending before BIFR;

(b) since when they are pending; and

(c) what steps are being taken for early disposal of the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) and (b) BIFR has reported that references in respect of 42 sick industrial companies of Andhra Pradesh were under various stages of process as on 28.2.94. These include eight cases where winding up notices have been issued, four cases where draft revival scheme have been circulated, seven reopened cases due to unsatisfactory implementation of approved/sanctioned schemes and one case where proceedings have been stayed by the High Court. Barring the reopened/stayed cases all cases registered in 1987 and 1988 with the BIFR have been disposed of;

(c) As the BIFR has to function within the limits of sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985 and as reasonable opportunity has to be given to all concerned parties at different stages of inquiry, disposal of cases takes time. Every effort is, however, made by the BIFR to expedite disposal of references registered.

Cluster Branch of Andhra Bank at Kanumuru

2653. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a cluster branch of Andhra Bank at Kanumuru, Krishna District Andhra Pradesh has been closed;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for the same;

(c) what was the administrative expenditure for that branch; and